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Re: Application of Sebastien BARDON; Dominique DUBOTS
FILTRATION STRUCTURE, IN PARTICULAR A PARTICULATE FILTER
FOR EXHAUST GASES OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE AND A
REINFORCEMENT ELEMENT INTENDED FOR SUCH A STRUCTURE
**Assignee: SAINT-GOBAIN CENTRE DE RECHERCHES ET D'ETUDES
EUROPEEN**
Our Ref: Q95593

Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☐ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ 4 sheet(s) of drawings (Figs. 1-4).
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☐ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ a copy of the ISR.
- ☐ a copy of the IPER.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☒ a copy of each non-U.S. patent document cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date with the required fees.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as



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required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).

Please see the attached PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT before calculating the filing fee.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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| Total claims | <u>10</u> | - | <u>20</u> | = | | x | \$50.00 | = | <u>\$0.00</u> |
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| Search Fee | | | | | | | | | <u>\$400.00</u> |
| Examination Fee | | | | | | | | | <u>\$200.00</u> |
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Priority is claimed from:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
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Respectfully submitted,

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